

# SYPHILIS IS BACK WITH A

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**Syphilis cases are up in B.C.  
You may have it and not know it. You can  
spread it, even if you don't have symptoms.**

Syphilis can be treated with antibiotics, treatment is free. If left untreated, syphilis can be serious.

Syphilis testing is an important part of health care. If you're between the ages of 18-55, syphilis testing will be added to your bloodwork today.

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